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In re Application of : Examiner: G. Arthur  
Alejandro S. McElroy et al. : Group Art Unit 3614  
Serial No. 08/705,652 : Docket No. 10242  
Filed: August 30, 1996 :  
For: AUTOMATED SYSTEM FOR : Los Angeles, CA 90024  
IMMOBILIZING A VEHICLE :  
AND METHOD : Date: April 15, 1998

LETTER TO EXAMINERS CUCHLINSKI & ARTHUR

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Sir:

On February 23, 1998, I transmitted a Letter to Examiners Arthur, Cuchlinski and Louis-Jacques clearly stating that I was in receipt of the Office Action (Paper No. 3) to the pending application filed on August 30, 1996. I also stated that the references (i.e., U.S. Patent No. 5,276,728 to Papliaroli et al. and British Patent #GB 2 266 611 to Gill) relied upon by Examiner Arthur were omitted from the Notice of References Cited (Form PTO-892) and were not sent with Paper No. 3 as required under 35 U.S.C. §132. I requested that copies of the cited references be supplied to Applicant's attorney and that the shortened statutory period for response be restarted as of the mailing date of the references to Applicant's attorney. The references have never been received.

On April 14, 1998, I received a voice mail message from Examiner Arthur stating that she wished to discuss my letter for an extension of time. The requirement to supply the cited U.S. and foreign references appears to have been overlooked. Thus we still cannot respond to Paper No. 3. It is unfair to require the Applicant to pay for an Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an oversight by the Patent Office. I respectfully request that the cited references be sent immediately and the statutory period to respond be extended.

Respectfully submitted,

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